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1. EMBASSY CALLED THE CHILEAN NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE (HI) ON 20 JUNE REGARDING R/V HERO CRUISE 77-4 CLEARANCE REQUEST. THE HI ADVISED THAT THEY HAD PROVIDED CLEARANCE FOR CERTAIN PARTS OF THE CRUISE BUT WERE DENYING ENTRY INTO OTHER UNDEFINED AREAS "BECAUSE THESE AREAS WERE THE EXCLUSIVE PRESERVE OF THE CHILEAN NAVY AND, THEREFORE, RESTRICTED." THE HI SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY CONTACT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (MFR) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AS THE MATTER WAS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE MFR. A FOLLOW-UP CALL TO THE MFA REVEALED THAT ENTRY BY THE HERO INTO AREAS 3 (ISLA DESOLACION WEST OF 75 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE) AND 4 (DUQUE DE YORK ISLAND PLUS THOSE INLETS LYING TO THE NORTH OF CANAL OESTE ON ISLA MADRE DE DIOS) OF REFTEL B HAD BEEN FORBIDDEN BY HI FOR REASONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE MFR IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE EMBASSY TO THIS EFFECT.

2. EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSED ON THE GOC THE SCIENTIFIC IMPORTANCE OF THIS CRUISE AND REASSURED THEM AS TO US MOTIVES IN PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH MFR DEPUTY CHIEF OF SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

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CAPTAIN JAIME CONTRERAS, HI OCEANOGRAPHER HELMUT SIEVERS, LT SERGIO ECHEVERRIA AND OTHER NAVAL OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO HI. OBVIOUSLY THESE EFFORTS WERE TO LITTLE AVAIL. SIEVERS AND ECHEVERRIA HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC BUT WERE POWERLESS TO OVERCOME THE SUSPICION OF US MOTIVES FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN THE PATAGONIAN CANALS THAT SEEMS TO PERMEATE THINKING THE HIGHER RANKS OF THE NAVY. SORRY.

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